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estimated population, about 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malaria, some few cases bilious remittent type; also, 1 or 2 cases of dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 27, steamship *Usk*, crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 29, steamship *Geo. Dumois*, crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *June 4, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended June 4, 1902:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856. Present officially estimated population, 2,000; number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 28, steamship *Geo. Dumois*, crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 29, steamship *Anselm*, crew, 41; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 4; baggage disinfected, 8 pieces. May 30, steamship *España*, crew, 13; passengers from this port, 6; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 13 pieces. June 2, steamship *Hiram*, crew, 14; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 4 pieces.

Respectfully,

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ITALY.

Report from Naples—Plague in Egypt.

NAPLES, ITALY, *May 26, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 24, 1902, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

May 18, the steamship *Vancouver*, of the Dominion Line, bound with

passengers and cargo for Boston. There were inspected and passed 1,152 steerage passengers and 307 pieces of large baggage; 1,600 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 45 steerage passengers was advised.

May 20, the steamship *Citta di Genova*, of the Veloce Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,211 steerage passengers and 120 pieces of large baggage; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 47 steerage passengers was advised.

May 21, the steamship *Hesperia*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 697 steerage passengers and 109 pieces of large baggage; 900 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 31 steerage passengers was advised.

May 21, the steamship *Umbria*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 996 steerage passengers and 125 pieces of large baggage; 1,100 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 62 steerage passengers was advised.

May 22, the steamship *Kaiserin Maria Theresia*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 605 steerage passengers and 180 pieces of large baggage; 950 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 19 steerage passengers was advised.

May 22, the steamship *Buenos Aires*, of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 107 steerage passengers and 13 pieces of large baggage; 120 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 19 steerage passengers was advised.

May 24, the steamship *Governor*, of the Genoa Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 335 steerage passengers and 45 pieces of large baggage; 700 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 47 steerage passengers was advised.

As directed in Bureau letter (C. H. W. and W. P. W.), dated May 13, 1902, I have added to the weekly report the number of rejections advised for the different vessels inspected. This item will hereafter be included in the weekly reports. In this connection, it should be noted that many of the persons whose rejection is advised apply again and again for passage on different steamships, thus swelling the list of persons discarded.

Plague in Egypt.

A report dated May 19, 1902, states, that during the past fortnight, there were in all Egypt 58 cases of bubonic plague with 35 deaths. Cairo is said to be free from the disease. According to this report there have been in the whole of Egypt since April, 1901, when the epidemic began, 601 cases of plague and 359 deaths from the disease.

Respectfully,

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